Appendix I

Terms of Reference
Bipole III Transmission Route Study

Review of Socio-Economic and Environmental Considerations and Potential Roles and Impacts of Environmental Organizations

Manitoba Hydro is in need of a major north-south transmission line in order to enhance the reliability of the existing power system to deliver power generated in northern Manitoba to the southern load centres.

Numerous technical reviews have been undertaken of routing options, including East of Lake Winnipeg, the Interlake and West of Lake Manitoba. These studies have determined technical benefits associated with an East Side routing.

Manitoba Hydro is interested in obtaining additional information with respect to the environmental and community considerations of different routing options. As well as regarding the potential roles and impacts of environmental organizations that play an active role vis a vis hydroelectric transmission in Manitoba.

Accordingly, Manitoba Hydro are interested in contracting consulting services to evaluate:

- The environmental landscape of alternative routes, including an assessment of environmental significance;
- Considerations associated with different routing options, including community preferences, potential community partnerships;
- Considerations associated with the impact of a transmission line on other initiatives, in the area, in particular, the potential UNESCO World Heritage Site designation and related community partnerships;
- The scope of interest of environmental organizations in Manitoba transmission routing, including membership, local interest and support and potential influence;
- Relative risks from an environmental perspective